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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:
Cavacci et al

Serial No.: 09/360,685

Group Art Unit: 1645

Filing Date: July 26, 1999

Examiner: S. Devi

For: **HELICOBACTER PYLORI CAI ANTIGEN PROTEINS USEFUL FOR
VACCINES AND DIAGNOSTICS**

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ A Response to the Restriction Requirement Dated October 22, 2001.
- ☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed _____.
- ☐ Other: _____.

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- ☐ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as:
- ☐ an Independent Inventor
 - ☐ a Small Business Concern
 - ☐ a Nonprofit Organization
- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ Substitute Pages _____ of the Specification are enclosed.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☐ _____ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: _____
_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Attached Form 1449.
 - ☐ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ Appended Material as follows: _____
- ☐ Other Material as follows: _____

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- ☒ Petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of **October 22, 2001** to and through **December 22, 2001** comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of **one month**.
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- ☒ The Foregoing Amount Due for Filing this Paper.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required, including fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 or 1.20(d).

SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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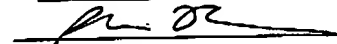
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

A requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§121 was set forth in the Official Action mailed October 22, 2001, in the above-identified patent application. The period to respond is extended by petition, and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith.

The Official Action required restriction to one of two groups of inventions, classified as Groups I and II. Group I is identified by the Examiner as claims 38 - 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50 - 54, 56, 57, 59, 60 - 63, 66, 68, and 70 - 80. Applicants note that claim 52 was canceled without prejudice in the Amendment filed on August 3, 2000. Therefore, Applicants believe that the Examiner intends Group I to consist of claims 38 - 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59, 60 - 63, 66, 68, and 70 - 80. Group I is said to be drawn to a polypeptide of the *Helicobacter pylori* CAI antigen comprising at least 10 amino acids of SEQ ID NO:5, a vaccine comprising the same and a method of preparing the vaccine. Group II (claims 64 and 65) is said to be drawn to a method of treating an individual infected with *Helicobacter pylori* by administering a vaccine comprising a polypeptide of the *Helicobacter pylori* CAI antigen. The Official Action

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asserts that the two groups represent distinct inventions. Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement.

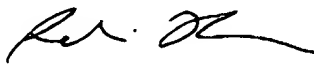
Applicants respectfully submit that Groups I and II are sufficiently related that a search of the prior art relevant to all of the claims in the application would not cause substantial burden to the Examiner, as both groups identified by the Examiner are related to a polypeptide of the *H. pylori* CAI antigen. In order to be fully responsive, however, and to further prosecution on the merits, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution the Group I claims.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. The Examiner may call the undersigned at 215-557-5901, if a telephonic interview would be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

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